

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on January 18, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 190, 1/13/2017; HB 192, 1/13/2017; SB 5, 1/13/2017
Executive Action: HB 119, HB 161, HB 165, HB 185

HEARING ON HB 190**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:26 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 190, Establish grant program for early grades dual language immersion programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:43 Heather Davis Schmidt, Whitefish School District

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:47 Ron Trippet, Self

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:44 Rep. Bachmeier
00:10:10 Heather Davis Schmidt, Whitefish School District
00:10:54 Rep. Bachmeier
00:11:10 Heather Davis Schmidt, Whitefish School District
00:12:43 Rep. Bachmeier
00:12:51 Heather Davis Schmidt, Whitefish School District
00:13:54 Rep. Staffanson
00:14:19 Rep. Fern
00:15:46 Rep. P. Webb
00:16:11 Rep. Fern
00:17:28 Heather Davis Schmidt, Whitefish School District
00:19:13 Rep. Funk
00:19:47 Heather Davis Schmidt, Whitefish School District
00:21:10 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
00:22:20 Heather Davis Schmidt, Whitefish School District
00:23:54 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
00:24:26 Heather Davis Schmidt, Whitefish School District
00:26:00 Rep. Price
00:26:19 Heather Davis Schmidt, Whitefish School District
00:26:35 Rep. Price
00:26:44 Heather Davis Schmidt, Whitefish School District
00:26:57 Rep. B. Bennett
00:27:32 Rep. Fern
00:29:00 Chair Berglee
00:29:23 Rep. Fern
00:31:15 Chair Berglee
00:31:28 Heather Davis Schmidt, Whitefish School District

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:01 Rep. Fern

HEARING ON HB 192

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:19 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 192, Raise legal dropout age to 18 or upon graduation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:03 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:45:07 Kelson Young, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:49:28 Ron Tippet, Self

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh13a01)

Informational Testimony:

00:53:25 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:53 Rep. Curtis

00:54:35 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:55:14 Rep. Curtis

00:55:31 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:55:55 Rep. P. Webb

00:56:15 Rep. Fern

00:56:35 Rep. P. Webb

00:56:49 Rep. Fern

00:57:04 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

00:57:38 Rep. Fern

00:58:17 Chair Berglee

00:58:54 Rep. Fern

01:00:03 Chair Berglee

01:00:28 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

01:01:30 Rep. Vinton

01:02:03 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

01:02:19 Heather Davis Schmidt, Whitefish School District

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:06 Rep. Fern

HEARING ON SB 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:07:46 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 5, Revise INTERCAP loan program.

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh13a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:13:57 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh13a03)

01:18:37 Dennis Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)
[EXHIBIT](#)(edh13a04)

01:20:14 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

01:21:12 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

01:22:26 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers
(MEA-MFT)

01:22:52 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:23:39 Julie Flynn, Montana Board of Investments (MBOI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:24:06 Rep. Funk

01:24:27 Julie Flynn, MBOI

01:26:01 Rep. Vinton

01:26:32 Julie Flynn, MBOI

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:14 Sen. Facey

01:28:42 Recessed

01:46:17 Reconvened Rep. Webber was excused

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 119

01:46:27 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 119 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:46:39 Chair Berglee

01:48:13 Rep. Price

01:49:09 Rep. Curtis

01:50:03 Rep. Funk

01:50:34 Chair Berglee

01:51:08 Rep. Vinton

01:51:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Essmann, Rep. Greef,
Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Webber voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 161

01:52:25 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 161 DO PASS.**

01:52:37 **Motion:** Rep. Bachmeier moved that **HB 161 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh13a05)

Discussion:

01:53:03 Rep. Bachmeier

01:53:55 Rep. Vinton

01:54:21 Rep. Bachmeier

01:54:45 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. Essmann, Rep. Greef, Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Webber voted by proxy.

01:55:58 Rep. Bachmeier

01:56:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. Essmann, Rep. Greef, Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Webber voted by proxy.

01:59:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 161 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 167

01:59:10 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 167 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:59:25 Rep. Price

02:00:17 Rep. Funk

02:00:52 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

02:03:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Berglee, Rep. Essmann, Rep. Greef, Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Staffanson voting no. Rep. Essmann, Rep. Greef, Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Webber voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 185

02:05:10 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 185 DO PASS**.

02:05:23 **Motion:** Rep. Bennett moved that **HB 185 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(edh13a06\)](#)

Discussion:

02:05:38 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:07:45 Rep. Schreiner

02:07:54 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

02:08:30 Rep. Schreiner

02:10:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard voting no. Rep. Essmann, Rep. Greef, Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Webber voted by proxy.

02:11:31 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 185 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:11:47 Rep. Bachmeier
02:13:09 Rep. B. Bennett
02:16:52 Rep. Schreiner
02:20:44 Rep. Beard
02:24:04 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
02:25:57 Rep. Schreiner
02:26:46 Chair Berglee
02:28:50 Rep. Schreiner
02:29:47 Rep. B. Bennett
02:31:43 Rep. Bachmeier
02:32:38 Rep. Price
02:33:15 Rep. P. Webb

02:33:49 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. Essmann, Rep. Greef, Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Webber voted by proxy.

02:35:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Berglee moved that **HB 185 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried.

02:35:43 Rep. Vinton

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:35:58

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh13aad.pdf](#))